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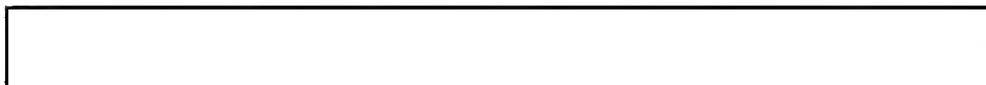
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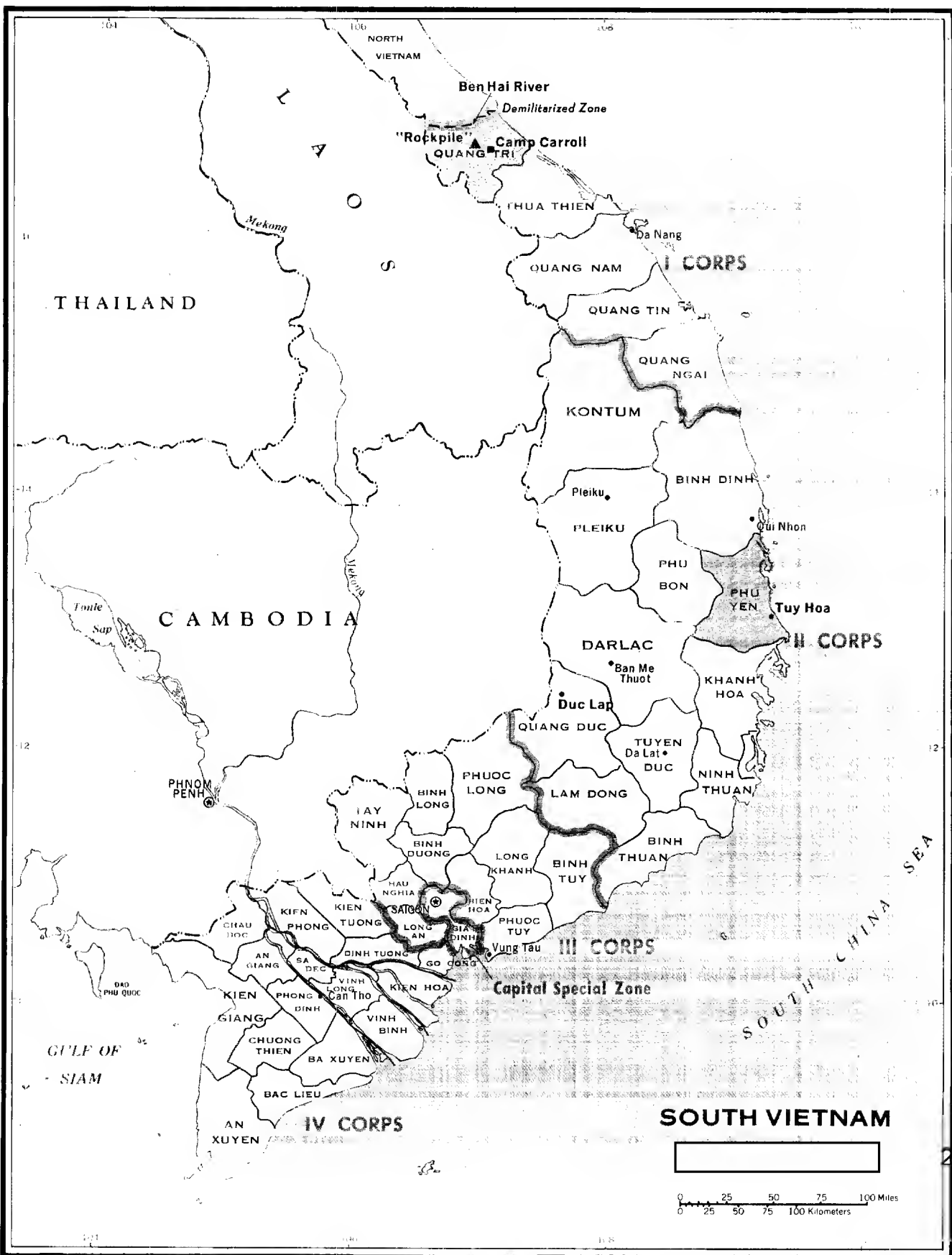
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[Vietnam: The headquarters unit of the 320th Division has pulled back from Quang Tri Province into North Vietnam.

It is now located just above the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The move was possibly designed to avoid the large US ground sweep into the southern DMZ which began last week. The sweep uncovered large abandoned bunker complexes and munitions caches between the "Rockpile" position and the Ben Hai River.

At least two of the regiments of the 320th still remain south of the DMZ within easy striking distance of the "Rockpile" and Camp Carroll.

To the south, allied sweeps in Quang Tri Province in recent days reveal that abnormally heavy rains have caused extensive damage to Communist logistical capabilities. The rains have destroyed food and munitions stores, damaged enemy field facilities, caused landslides on infiltration and supply routes, and destroyed crops. The Communists rely heavily on local resources to sustain their military presence in the coastal areas. The cumulative effects of these rains will hamper enemy efforts to launch a major new campaign in the area south of the DMZ.

Sporadic ground contact occurred on 25-26 September in widely scattered areas elsewhere in South Vietnam. In the coastal province of Phu Yen, an enemy force attacked a South Vietnamese position near Tuy Hoa, and in the highlands a US infantry position near Duc Lap was attacked. Allied losses in both cases were light. In III Corps, particularly in Saigon, Communist units initiated a number of small-scale incidents and terrorist bombings.

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Czechoslovakia-USSR: Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov's return to Moscow yesterday might signify the end of the stalemate which has characterized Czechoslovak-Soviet relations since the invasion.

Kuznetsov apparently left Prague while the Czechoslovak party presidium and government leaders were engaged in a joint eight-hour long strategy session. After this meeting, parliamentary leader Smrkovsky reportedly confirmed that a Czechoslovak delegation will go to Moscow for a summit meeting.

Kuznetsov's unheralded departure after a nearly four-week mission in Prague and the long party-government session, however, may mean that the Czechoslovak leadership has been presented with a demand to live up to the Soviet view of the Moscow agreement. In addition, Moscow may have demanded the elimination of some of the more prominent Czechoslovak leaders who have most recently incurred the Soviets' wrath.

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Greece: A favorable vote seems assured on the draft constitution.

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The voter will have little to gain by casting a "no" ballot. To vote down the constitution could result at best in another extended period of re-drafting or simply continued rule by the present extraconstitutional means.

A favorable vote on the constitution will almost surely spark additional Greek requests for warmer relations with the US, particularly in regard to resumption of suspended MAP shipments. [redacted]

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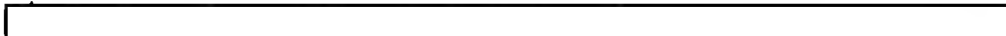
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Cuba-Guyana: The Cuban Government is negotiating the first trade deal involving top Guyanese leaders since Prime Minister Burnham took office in December 1964.

The Cubans want to purchase \$1.5 million worth of railroad ties and have approached a private Guyanese supplier, bypassing a firm connected with pro-Communist opposition leader Cheddi Jagan's People's Progressive Party. Relations between Jagan and the Cubans have been cooling for some time, and Jagan is reported to be furious over this latest slight.



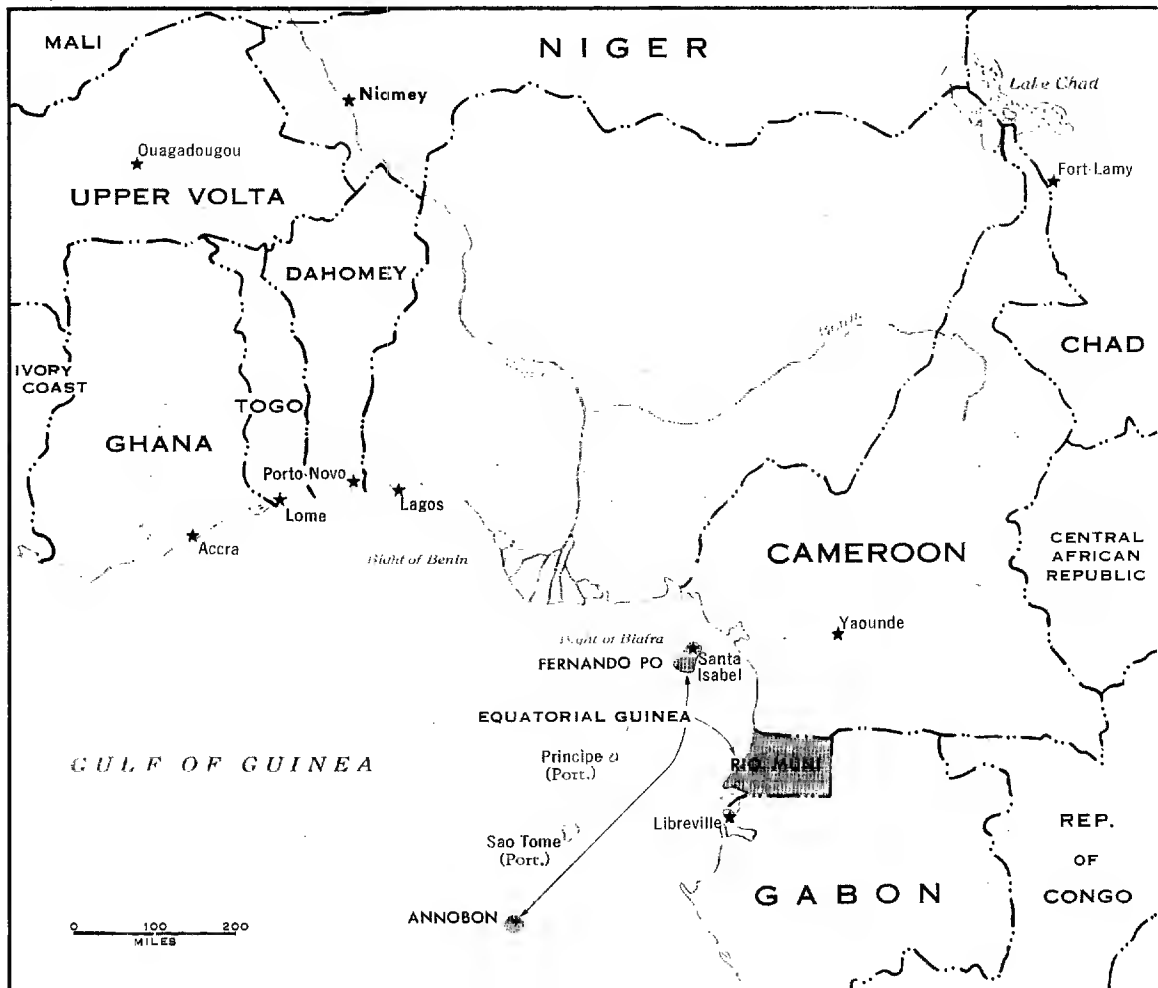
Havana has been saving foreign exchange by making railroad ties of local concrete, but these have proved unsatisfactory. In the campaign to expand and refurbish Cuba's sugar mill railroad system--part of the over-all drive to produce ten million tons of sugar in 1970--the ties from Guyana will fill a need that cannot be met through domestic sources.



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Equatorial Guinea: The two major vote getters in last Sunday's inconclusive presidential elections will face each other in a runoff election on 29 September.

None of the four presidential candidates obtained the required absolute majority in the national elections, which also filled legislative positions in the government that will lead the small Spanish dependency to independence on 12 October. Francisco Macias Nguema, a vocal critic of the Spanish-fashioned independence constitution and of the continued predominance of Spain in Equatorial Guinean affairs, received the largest percentage of the votes cast. His opponent in the runoff will be Bonifacio Ondo Edu, the moderate and pro-Spanish leader of Equatorial Guinea's autonomous government for the last four years.

Spain, whose continued financial assistance will be vital to the survival of the country, clearly will favor Ondo's candidacy. Whatever the outcome of the elections, the winner will face the difficult task of welding Equatorial Guinea's two ethnically and economically disparate and geographically separate provinces into a unified nation. [REDACTED]

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USSR: The Zond-5 capsule will arrive in Bombay on 1 or 2 October aboard the Soviet recovery ship Golovnin, according to a Soviet Embassy spokesman in New Delhi. The spacecraft will then be flown to the USSR. Zond-5 was recovered in the Indian Ocean on 22 September after completing a seven-day circum-lunar flight. [REDACTED]

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Upper Volta: President Lamizana left suddenly on 24 September for Paris for medical care and rest after a month of arduous travel and activity. Although a government official claimed the President was merely very tired, radiobroadcasts later termed the illness a "kidney inflammation." Lamizana has become firmly entrenched in power since he assumed the presidency through a military coup in January 1966, but Upper Volta's civilian politicians, anxious for an opportunity to return to active politicking, will probably keep a close watch on the medical bulletins from Paris. [REDACTED]

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Brazil: Leftist students are planning new demonstrations to protest the eighth Inter-American Army Conference that closes today in Rio de Janeiro. Heavy police patrolling has so far prevented any large demonstrations. "Flash" protests--particularly in areas far removed from the conference site--are almost impossible to prevent, however, and will probably be held to satisfy the students' urge for publicity. [REDACTED]

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